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**STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS REGARDING PERMANENCE AND
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Sir:

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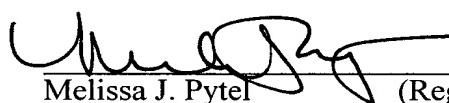
1. A plasmid containing human cDNA encoding a Human Parotid Secretory Protein polypeptide was deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on November 26, 1996 at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Patent Depository, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 (current address), and given accession number 97811.

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Respectfully submitted,

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